

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014 AT 3:00 P.M.
1ST FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS
CITY HALL

Cumulative
Attendance
10/13 through
9/14

Board Members

Attendance	Present	Absent
P	7	0
P	5	2
A	5	2
P	7	0
P	7	0
P	7	0
P	6	1
A	3	4
A	3	4

City Staff

Lori Grossfeld, Board Secretary
Jeri Pryor, Code Enforcement Supervisor/Clerk
Porshia Goldwire, Administrative Aide
Cole Copertino, Assistant City Attorney
Christian Carbonera, Service Clerk
George Oliva, Building Inspector
Glen Osborn, Interim Building Official
Jamie Opperlee, ProtoType Inc. Recording Clerk

Communication to the City Commission

None

Witnesses and Respondents

CE14040161: Steven Basch, owner

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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

All individuals giving testimony before the Board were sworn in.

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Hale, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 2014 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Cases

1. Case: CE14040161
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1 **3030 NW 26 ST**

2 MS. PRYOR: On today's agenda we have one case,
3 it's a new case. Case number CE14040161, Inspector George
4 Oliva, case address 3030 Northwest 26 Street, the owner is
5 Steven Basch.

6 Notice of violation posted on the property 4/24/14,
7 advertised in the Daily Business Review 4/25/14 and 5/2/14.
8 Certified mail signatures as noted on the agenda.

9 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Good afternoon Board. George
10 Oliva, Building Inspector for the City. I'm going to be
11 presenting case number CE1404161 [sic] on today's agenda.
12 This case was opened on April 2, 2014 after receiving a call
13 from the Fire --

14 MR. WEYMOUTH: Inspector, excuse me just a second.
15 You probably ought to read that in one more time. You left
16 one digit out. So if you'll read the number --

17 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Did I?

18 MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes.

19 INSPECTOR OLIVA: I'm sorry.

20 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's okay.

21 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Case number CE14040161.

22 MR. WEYMOUTH: Thank you.

23 INSPECTOR OLIVA: You're welcome, sir. This case
24 was opened on April 2, 2014 after receiving a call from the
25 Fire Marshall's office in regard to a fire and a damaged

1 dwelling. The following pictures were taken by me and I
2 would like to submit them into the records.

3 [Inspector Olive displayed photos of the property]

4 As you'll see the pictures will be showing all the
5 damage that was done to the dwelling in the inside and the
6 outside and it's including the roof and all the members
7 supporting the roof.

8 That's the electrical panel that was destroyed by
9 the fire. That's the interior; all the partitions are gone,
10 the roof is completely damaged. The trusses are damaged;
11 they're coming apart. You can see the rafter that broke away
12 from the bottom of the trusses.

13 That's the roof deck that you can see the frame
14 went through. There's another view of what used to be the
15 attic.

16 [Mr. Jarrett arrived at 3:01]

17 MR. WEYMOUTH: Inspector, excuse me just a second.
18 Just so the record reflects that Thornie Jarrett is joining
19 the Board. Thank you. Sorry.

20 INSPECTOR OLIVA: And that's another view from the
21 interior of the property, so. We met with the owner today
22 and he's in agreement that the property needs to be
23 demolished so he's asking for thirty days to finish the
24 process so he can get the permit to have the property
25 removed. So at this time I'm asking the Board to find for

1 the City that this property's unsafe and to order the owner
2 of the building to have it demolished in the thirty days.

3 MR. WEYMOUTH: Anybody have a question for the
4 Inspector?

5 MR. LARSON: I don't have any.

6 MR. WEYMOUTH: Would the respondent like to be
7 heard on this?

8 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Would you like to talk to them?
9 Just say your name first, sir.

10 MR. BASCHE: Steven Basche. I guess, yes, if I
11 could have a little bit more than thirty days, I'd appreciate
12 it. But I --

13 MR. WEYMOUTH: I guess my only question or concern
14 is that first of all, we're getting into hurricane season, so
15 to drag this out for me is a little bit concerning. Quite
16 frankly, if everybody's on the same page, I would rather see
17 that we move that the structure be demolished, and that you
18 do it; in the event you don't, we do it.

19 But I will leave that up to the rest of the Board
20 to contemplate. But quite frankly, an extension of time at
21 this time of year is very risky on our behalf and ultimately,
22 we're here to make sure that something like this doesn't
23 endanger adjoining property owners and life and that kind of
24 thing. So, that's my short story, but.

25 MS. HALE: Is there any reason, sir, that you're

1 asking for a little bit more time?

2 MR. BASCHE: I just got my insurance check on
3 Monday and I brought it to the bank on Tuesday and it's a
4 overage, so they have to give me money back. So I'm going to
5 use that money. And then I have to go get a few quotes I
6 guess. And I spoke to one person yesterday, they said
7 they're going to drive by. And, I don't, I guess, they said
8 I've got to get a permit and then he said I've got to do some
9 grass seeding or --

10 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's after the demolition.

11 MR. BASCHE: Yes. So I'm not in this business, so.

12 MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, again, I take you at your
13 word. It seems like you're sincere in pursuing this. My
14 concern is -- and hopefully the City, if there is an order
15 out there -- can help expedite getting the permit and it's
16 just a matter of finding the right company to demolish it in
17 a timely fashion. You may want to ask that when you're
18 bidding it out.

19 MR. CROGNALE: Comment, Mr. Chair?

20 MR. WEYMOUTH: Make sure that they can do it in a
21 timely fashion. Joe, you had a question?

22 MR. CROGNALE: Yes, just a quick comment. When is
23 the official hurricane season start, I thought it was in
24 June.

25 MS. HALE: June first.

1 MR. BASCHE: June first, right?

2 MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes, but the hurricanes don't really
3 look to the calendar; they just come whenever they want.

4 MR. CROGNALE: Right, I understand that. But there
5 is, they do have an official date, so.

6 MR. WEYMOUTH: I believe it is June first.

7 MR. CROGNALE: So thirty days hasn't breached that
8 in my estimation yet.

9 MR. WEYMOUTH: No, no it hasn't. And it's the
10 quiet time of the hurricane season but regardless, if
11 something doesn't get happening, we have an extension, then
12 we have to come back and talk about it again, and then make
13 the motion that we're talking about. Now you've had another
14 thirty days and you're into this into the middle of July. So
15 that does start to tick along and if he, if he, if
16 everybody's busy or --

17 MR. CROGNALE: But if a time-certain, if we grant
18 thirty days time-certain, then what's the problem?

19 MS. HALE: Do you think you could finish by the end
20 of June? That would be forty days. Would that extra ten
21 days help you?

22 MR. BASCHE: That's good. That should be -- I'm
23 just --

24 MR. LARSON: [inaudible] forty-five days.

25 MS. HALE: That would be two business weeks in

1 there for you to get your bids, receive your money --

2 MR. BASCHE: So, by June thirtieth, you said?

3 MS. HALE: Yes.

4 MR. BASCHE: Yes. That should be fine, yes.

5 That's fair.

6 MR. LARSON: Make the motion, [inaudible]

7 MS. HALE: All right. Shall I?

8 MR. WEYMOUTH: If that's the motion you want to
9 make, sure. If there's no other discussion. Is there any
10 other discussion, questions of the Inspector?

11 MR. LARSON: [inaudible] let's get it over with.

12 MS. HALE: That would be about forty-five days.

13 MR. WEYMOUTH: If you're making it to a specific
14 date, you can make it to a specific date or you can count out
15 the numbers.

16 MS. HALE: Okay, I'll do that. I'll do that, yes.

17 Okay. I move that we find the violations exist as alleged
18 and that we order the property owner to demolish the
19 structure by the thirtieth of June 2014. And that we order
20 the City to demolish the structure, should the owner fail to
21 timely demolish. Such demolition is to be accomplished by a
22 licensed demolition contractor, pursuant to a City-issued
23 demolition permit.

24 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay, we have a motion, do we have a
25 second?

1 MR. LARSON: Second, I'll second it.

2 MR. WEYMOUTH: All right, we have a second, any
3 further discussion?

4 MR. HOLLAND: I just think we ought to respect the
5 date for the hurricane and, it's not like the City doesn't
6 have some discretion on the enforcement end and the time. As
7 we know, there's certain budget limitations. I'd rather hold
8 to the thirty days.

9 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. Any other discussion?

10 MR. CROGNALE: I'd have to concur with Mr. Holland.

11 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. Anyone else? We have a
12 motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

13 MR. LARSON, MS. HALE, MR. JARRETT: Aye.

14 MR. WEYMOUTH: All opposed say no.

15 MR. HOLLAND, MR. CROGNALE, MR. WEYMOUTH: No.

16 MR. WEYMOUTH: Motion does not carry. Would you
17 like to have more discussion or would you like to amend the,
18 or file a new motion?

19 MR. LARSON: Let's just amend it.

20 MR. JARRETT: What was the count?

21 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. Why don't you go ahead and
22 call roll? It was three to two and -- oh, I'm sorry, it was
23 three to three, there's three of us, I'm sorry, there's six
24 of us up here. Mr. Copertino, what happens when we have a
25 jump ball?

1 MR. COPERTINO: It has to approve by a majority, so.

2 MR. WEYMOUTH: Very good.

3 MS. HALE: All right.

4 MR. WEYMOUTH: Why don't you go ahead and call roll
5 and then we'll revisit this.

6 MS. OPPERLEE: Mr. Larson?

7 MR. LARSON: Yes.

8 MS. OPPERLEE: Mr. Jarrett?

9 MS. PRYOR: MR. Jarrett, we're doing roll call.

10 MR. JARRETT: Yes.

11 MS. OPPERLEE: Ms. Hale?

12 MS. HALE: Yes.

13 MS. OPPERLEE: Mr. Crognale?

14 MR. CROGNALE: No.

15 MS. OPPERLEE: Mr. Holland?

16 MR. HOLLAND: No.

17 MS. OPPERLEE: Chair Weymouth?

18 MR. WEYMOUTH: No. So, is there further discussion
19 warranted or does somebody want to make a different motion?

20 MR. CROGNALE: Jump ball.

21 MR. WEYMOUTH: Jump ball is no longer a jump ball;
22 it's the start of a new game.

23 MR. HOLLAND: The maker of the motion, are you --

24 MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, he can't amend the -- well,
25 she can't amend it; she can make a new motion.

1 MS. PRYOR: The motion failed so it needs a new
2 motion.

3 MS. HALE: Would you like thirty day? Is that what
4 you're saying?

5 MR. WEYMOUTH: You'd have to make a motion and you
6 would have to see what would happen.

7 MS. HALE: Now you're into the middle. Okay. I
8 move that we find that the violations exist as alleged and we
9 order the property owner to demolish the structure within
10 thirty days. And that we order the City to demolish the
11 structure, should the property owner fail to timely demolish.
12 Such demolition is to be accomplished by a licensed
13 demolition contractor, pursuant to a City-issued demolition
14 permit.

15 MR. LARSON: Second.

16 MR. WEYMOUTH: Alright, we have a motion and a
17 second. Any further discussion? Hearing no, we'll take the
18 vote. All in favor say aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. WEYMOUTH: All opposed? Hearing none, motion
21 passes. Sorry about that. Thank you though. Good luck.

22 MR. BASCHE: Okay.

23 INSPECTOR OLIVA: Just for the Board, I just asked
24 the Building Official, we will expedite his permit.

25 MR. WEYMOUTH: Thank you.

1 INSPECTOR OLIVA: As soon that he comes with the
2 application, we'll get it through the process.

3 MR. WEYMOUTH: And from my experience, this is, I
4 think, going to be a relatively simple demolition, so you'll
5 find a contractor that's going to get it done for you in an
6 expeditious way. So I wouldn't fret too much about it. But
7 the Inspector will help you get a permit pretty quick.
8 Actually, your company will be able to pull it.

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10 **Other Items and Announcements** INDEX

11 MR. WEYMOUTH: Alright, is there anything else from
12 the City other than communications to our Commission?

13 INDEX

14 **COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION**

15 MR. WEYMOUTH: Does anybody have any
16 communications to our Commission? Hearing none, this
17 meeting's adjourned, 3:11.

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19 INDEX

20 **FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY**

21 No discussion.


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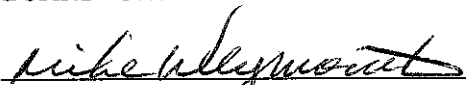
24 **[Meeting concluded at 3:11 p.m.]**

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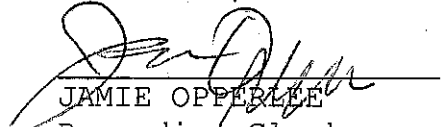
[Minutes prepared by: J. Opperee, Prototype, Inc.]

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have recorded and transcribed the City of Fort Lauderdale Unsafe Structures Board meeting held May 14, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, 1st Floor Commission Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dated at Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 19 day of JUNE, 2014.

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JAMIE OPPERLEE
Recording Clerk

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me by JAMIE OPPERLEE who is personally known to me and who signed the foregoing for the purposes therein expressed.

DATED this 19 day of JUNE, 2014.



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